

Councillor Susan Fielding

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**MAPLE LEAF FOODS**



sfielding@puslinch.ca



Sent via e-mail

February 18, 2014

Rose Caterini  
City Clerk  
City Hall  
71 Main St. W., 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Hamilton, ON L8P 4Y5

Dear Ms. Caterini:

**Re: Hamilton's Support for the Morriston By-Pass**

On behalf of Maple Leaf Foods we would like to request the support of Hamilton Council for the construction of the "Morriston By-Pass" on Highway 6 between Hamilton and Guelph. A diagram of the route proposed by the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario is attached.

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It would be greatly appreciated if Hamilton could join other coalition members by making a contribution of \$4,000 towards the advocacy campaign. Regular reporting on the campaign and management of the funds will be provided.

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Maple Leaf Foods Inc. 6985 Financial Drive, Mississauga, ON, Canada M5N 0A1 tel. 905.285.5743 fax. 905.285.6000

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We believe that with the availability of infrastructure programs recently announced by the provincial and federal governments, it is time to demonstrate strong support for the Morriston By-Pass. We would welcome the participation of the City of Hamilton in these efforts.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rory McAlpine".

Rory McAlpine  
Vice President, Government and Industry Relations  
Maple Leaf Foods

Attachment

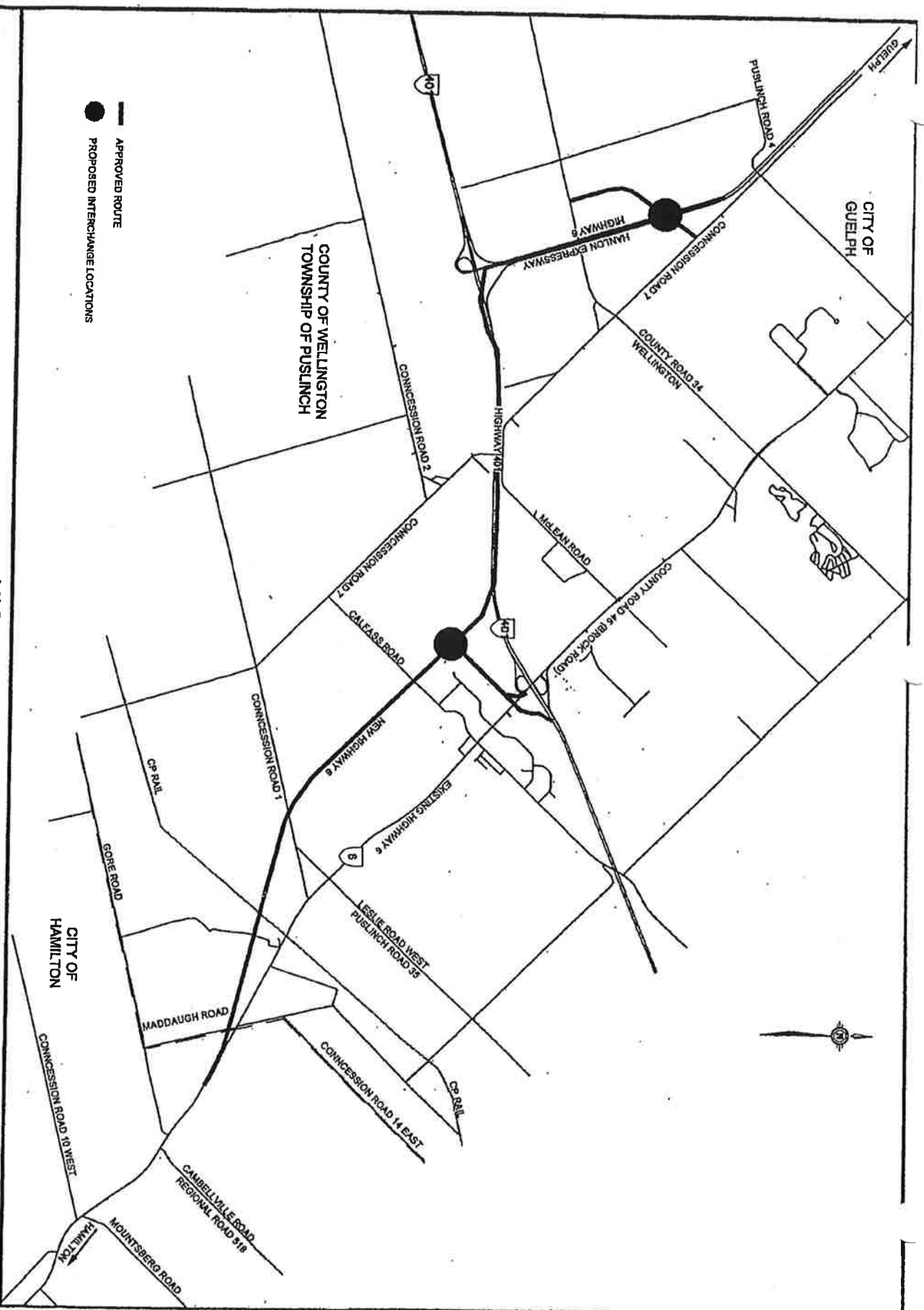
c.c. Mr. Neil Everson, Director of Economic Development and Real Estate  
Mr. Keanin Loomis, President and CEO, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce



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HIGHWAY 6  
FREETON TO GUELPH  
APPROVED ROUTE

- APPROVED ROUTE
- PROPOSED INTERCHANGE LOCATIONS





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Hamilton

February 27, 2014

Mr. Rory McAlpine  
Vice-President, Government and Industry Relations  
Maple Leaf Foods  
6985 Financial Drive  
Mississauga, ON M5N 0A1

Dear Mr. McAlpine:

**Re: Hamilton's Support for the Morriston By-Pass**

At its meeting of February 26, 2014 City Council considered your correspondence dated February 18, 2014 regarding the above matter.

Please be advised that Council has received this correspondence and referred it to the Acting General Manager of Planning and Economic Development for consideration of funding.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Gallagher".

Mary Gallagher,  
Manager, Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk

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c.c. J. Priel, Acting General Manager, Planning & Economic Development

File C14-005  
(5.11)

From: **Susan Fielding**  
 Date: Thu, Mar 13, 2014 at 10:26 PM  
 Subject: Puslinch Community Update  
 To:

I am looking out of my window at piles of snow, but I can sense spring is just around the corner. The sun is feeling so warm and cathartic these days!  
 Susan

### **Township Staffing**

There are lots of changes going on with staffing. I am pleased to announce that Deputy Fire Chief Steven Goode will be taking over the reins from retiring Puslinch Fire Chief Robert Gordon. Congratulations Chief Goode!

Joony Babu has accepted the position of Customer Service Representative. Joony has been temping in this position for the last couple of months from Express Personnel. Welcome, Joony!

There is a new position of Development Co-ordinator in the Building Dept. Applications are due by March 28. For further details, click on the following link:  
<http://puslinch.ca/bulletins-item.aspx?id=494>

### **Municipal Election 2014**

There has been some early activity already in Puslinch, with several candidates throwing their hats in the ring.

So far the candidates are.....

#### **Mayor**

Brad Whitcombe

Dennis Leer

#### **Councillor**

Daina Makinson

Matthew Bulmer

Kevin Johnson

Ken Roth

#### **County Councillor**

Don McKay

For further information regarding how to file and other relevant material, click on the following link.....

<http://puslinch.ca/elections.aspx>

### **Upcoming Public Meetings**

<b>Meetings, Public Information Centres, Public Consultation Centres &amp; Open Houses</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date/Time of Meeting</b>	<b>Response Deadline</b>
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<u>Public Meeting - Proposed Election Signs By-Law</u>	Municipal Complex, 7404 Wellington Rd. 34, Guelph, ON	March 5, 2014	March 5, 2014
<u>Public Meeting - Proposed By-Law Open Air Burning</u>	Puslinch Community Centre 23 Brock Rd. South	April 2, 2014 @7:00 p.m.	April 2, 2014
<u>Public Meeting - Proposed By-Law to Licence, Regulate and Govern Mobile Food Service Vehicles</u>	Municipal Complex, 7404 Wellington Rd. 34, Guelph, ON	April 16, 2014 @ 8:00 p.m.	April 16, 2014

### **2014 Budget**

The final draft budget is to be presented and passed at the next Council Meeting on March 18 at 7:30pm. Detailed information on the budget can be read on the following link....

[http://puslinch.ca/council/council\\_agenda.aspx](http://puslinch.ca/council/council_agenda.aspx)

It is anticipated that the increase in the Puslinch portion of the tax rate will be approx. 3%.

### **Morrison By-pass/Hwy 6 Update**

Maple Leaf Foods is coordinating an effort to expedite the construction of the By-pass by lobbying the Minister of Transportation. I was approached by Hamilton Councillor Robert Pasuta who shared the following information with me. The excerpt is a letter from Maple Leaf sent to the Hamilton Council which explains:

*"Several businesses, chambers of commerce (including the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce)*

*and local governments are joining Maple Leaf Foods in an effort to accelerate budget*

*consideration of this vital infrastructure project by the Ontario and federal governments. In*

*the case of Maple Leaf Foods, with the completion later this year of our Hamilton meat manufacturing facility, we will be directing many additional trucks north on Highway 6 to*

*our Eastern Canadian distribution centre in Aberfoyle, Puslinch Township. Like other*

*businesses and area residents, we are concerned that the traffic bottleneck at Morrison is*

*both unsafe and costly to the regional economy."*

Apparently, Puslinch Township Mayor Lever has been apprised of this information since January, but had not, until my questioning at the last Council meeting, disclosed any information at all with the Council or public.

It is my hope that Puslinch Township Council will be a major player in this initiative and

a similar letter will be sent to our Council by Maple Leaf. I am now able to fully participate in this file again and I plan to continue my aggressive pursuit of the dire need for this by-pass. I will continue to encourage public and local government participation that has been sorely lacking lately. It is going to take ALL of our efforts to get this moving!

### **Community Happenings**

**Puslinch Fiddle Orchestra** is playing at **Marian Hall, Freelton, featuring** a Local Square Dance Club

Date: **Sunday April 6th, 2014, @ 2pm.**

Tickets **\$15.00**

Call: Jean Aubin ☎ \_\_\_\_\_, Sharon King ☎ \_\_\_\_\_, Our Lady of Mount Carmel ☎ \_\_\_\_\_

### **Irish Supper and Entertainment**

Duff's Presbyterian Church

Saturday March 15 @ 6pm

Tickets **\$20.00**

Call: **Duff** ☎ \_\_\_\_\_ **or Brenda Law** ☎ \_\_\_\_\_

(All proceeds to the Parish Nurse Programme)

### **Optimist Recreation Centre**

Due to the weather remaining cold, the ORC is still open next week. Check out the schedule. There are lots of free skating times for Seniors, Adults and Families...

[http://puslinch.ca/Uploads/Mar%2016%20to%20Mar%2022%202014\(1\).pdf](http://puslinch.ca/Uploads/Mar%2016%20to%20Mar%2022%202014(1).pdf)

### **Senior's Services**

A **Potluck Senior's Luncheon** is coming up soon. Sponsored by Mount Carmel Zion United Church Morriston, held at Puslinch Community Centre, follow the link for details. All seniors welcome....

<http://www.morristonuc.com/sites/default/files/SpringPotLuck.pdf>

**Zumba for Seniors** at Duff's Church. Follow the link....

<http://duffschurch.ca/2014/03/07/zumba-exercise-for-seniors/>

More senior's events at Duff's can be viewed at [www.duffschurch.ca](http://www.duffschurch.ca).

A **Senior's Lunch** will be held at Arkell United Church on April 15. Check out their website at <http://www.arkellunitedchurch.ca/> for lots of events

*If you no longer wish to receive these occassional updates, please return this email with **\*\*UNSUBSCRIBE\*\*** in the subject line. Feel free to pass this on to any of your Puslinch neighbours.*

**Donna Tremblay**

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**From:** Susan Fielding  
**Sent:** March-17-14 1:43 PM  
**To:** Karen Landry  
**Cc:** Donna Tremblay; Susan Fielding; 'hugh.fielding@sympatico.ca'  
**Subject:** More Info on Community Update

**Importance:** High

To the CAO and Members of Council:

In regard to a Community Update sent from my personal email, specifically involving the Highway 6/Morrison Bypass: I have communicated with Rory McAlpine, Maple Leaf Foods and attained the following information which was the basis for much of the information I shared:

- 1) A meeting was held in January at the Delta Hotel in Guelph which was arranged for interested stakeholders by Rory McAlpine of Maple Leaf Foods.
- 2) This meeting was a presentation of the Hwy 6 Economic Study, which was financed by the Township of Puslinch.
- 3) Although, Mayor Lever was in attendance, he had never revealed that this meeting took place nor that our study was presented at the Maple Leaf meeting to the Council members or Puslinch citizens, until I questioned him at the March 5 meeting.
- 4) Mr. McAlpine reacted with shock that the Mayor had never shared this with Council. He was under the distinct impression that Puslinch Council was fully apprised of the initiative and that they Mayor was being directed by Council.
- 5) Maple Leaf is attempting to gather all interested stake holders (including municipalities) in a concerted effort to lobby the province to put the Bypass on the five year plan.
- 6) Maple Leaf sent a letter to the City of Hamilton regarding becoming a part of this group and contributing \$4000. I had a call from Hamilton Councillor Robert Pasuta informing me of the letter and inquiring as to the status of how Puslinch was handling this request.
- 7) I asked the CAO if any similar correspondence had been received by our Township and she confirmed that it had not.
- 8) When I queried Mr. McAlpine as why he had not sent a similar request to the Township of Puslinch, he informed me that Mayor Lever had informed him that he felt it would present a difficult situation to the Township and discouraged him from making a request. This message was conveyed by the Mayor to Mr. McAlpine with no knowledge or consultation of Council. There was never any public discussion.
- 9) Mr. McAlpine is in the process of a having a consulting firm gather interested stakeholders (which Mr. McAlpine emphasized could include citizens, Councillors, business leaders etc.) into subcommittees to prepare a presentation to the Minister of Transportation in support of the Bypass. According to Mr. McAlpine, all are welcome.

I shared this information for several reasons:

- 1) It is imperative that information regarding anything to do with the bypass be disclosed to Council and brought into the public realm in a timely fashion.
- 2) The bypass has been a Council initiative for years and any directions or decisions on how issues regarding it will be handled should come only at the direction of Council.
- 3) I believe in transparency.
- 4) I am continuing to fulfill the promise I made to Puslinch citizens when I first ran for election 11 years ago....that I will always make the Morrison Bypass a priority for Council and the Township citizens.



We all have the same goal---we want to see the Morriston Bypass constructed. It will take a concerted effort from everyone to see this come to fruition. If the public and Council are shut out of this process, a very valuable opportunity is lost. There is strength in numbers and the public has a right to know.

I request of Mayor Lever that he share and disclose any and all information with Council in a timely fashion and that direction is given only by Council. I feel this is a reasonable expectation.

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Sent via e-mail

March 24, 2014

Karen Landry  
Chief Administrative Officer  
Township of Puslinch  
7404 Wellington Road 34  
Guelph, ON N1H 6H9

Dear Ms. Landry:

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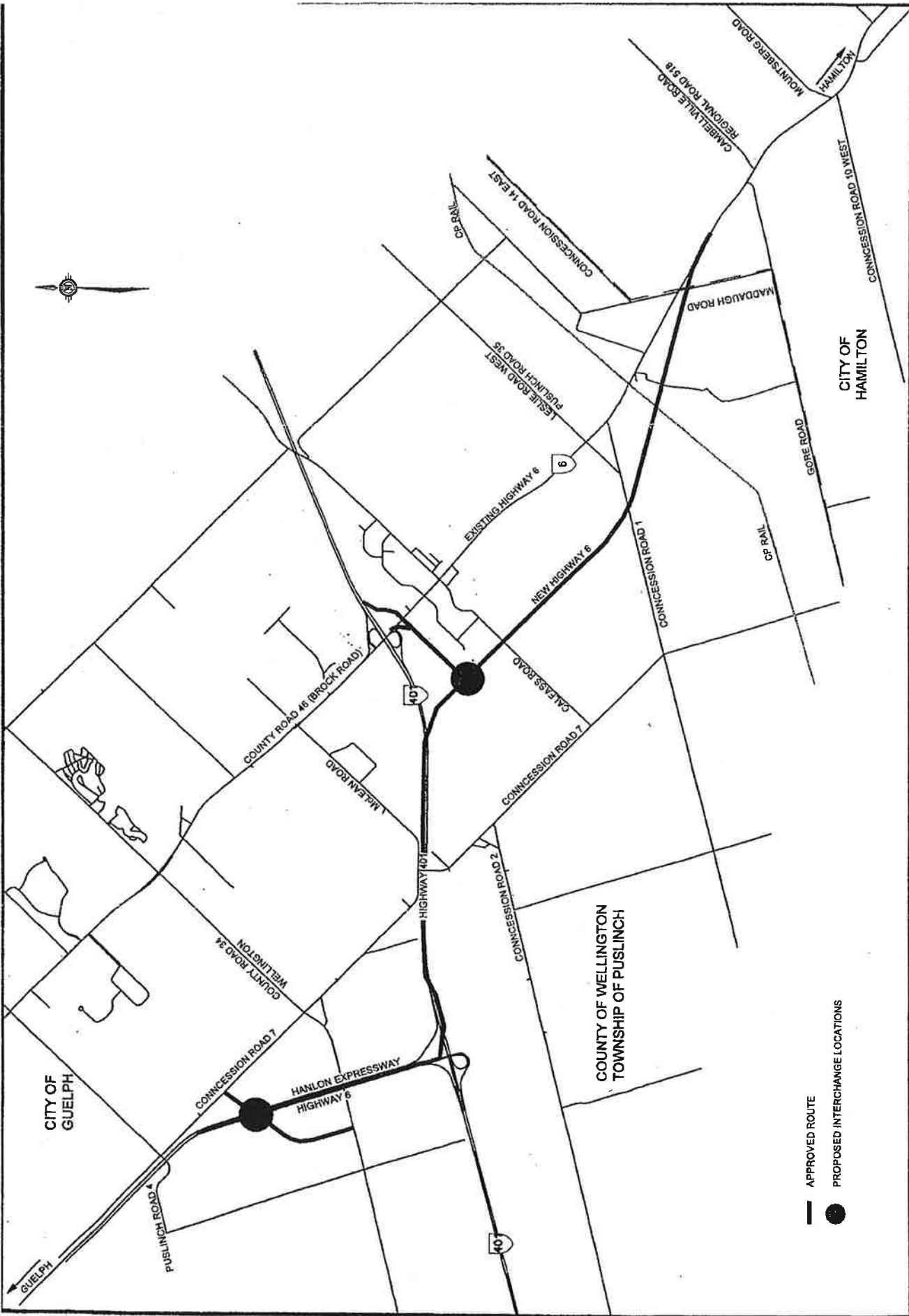
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Yours sincerely,

Rory McAlpine  
Vice President, Government and Industry Relations  
Maple Leaf Foods

Attachment

c.c. Mr. Dennis Lever, Mayor



**HIGHWAY 6  
FREETON TO GUELPH  
APPROVED ROUTE**



**From:** william knetsch  
**Sent:** Friday, March 21, 2014 9:07 AM  
**To:** minister.mto@ontario.ca  
**Subject:** Morriston Ontario By-pass

Hello everyone,

Attached is a letter from our Minister of Transportation, Glen Murray. It is my personal opinion from this letter that the Government of Ontario has no plans at this point to place the Morriston by-pass on the five year construction plan or in the near future. They are however moving forward not to allow any development on the proposed route and acquiring land from the willing.

I have also attached a letter from our MPP Ted Arnott explaining to the Minister of Transportation the urgency to move this project forward. Also the Youtube video you have probably all seen by now.

Our elected officials from the Township of Puslinch and the County of Wellington have done everything in its power over the last thirty years or so to prove and show to the Government of Ontario that this infrastructure project is needed. Not only to help continue our economic growth, but also for everyones safety.

Now is the time for all major industries effected by the Morriston corridor grid lock and our local elected officials to get together with our Minister of Transportation. To urge him and our Provincial Government that we cannot afford any more delays in constructing a proper connecting route for highway #6 around Morriston Ontario.

It comes down to our industries that drive our economic engine in Southern Ontario to show the Minister of Transportation we need this done now.

Sincerely Yours,

William Knetsch

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k01BzAoHoV4>

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Mr. William Knetsch  
42 Queen Street  
Guelph ON N1E 4R7

Dear Mr. Knetsch,

Thank you for your letter asking the province to place the Highway 6 bypass around Morriston on the ministry's five year construction plan.

The Morriston bypass is currently not a funded project within the Southern Highways Program. However, the ministry continues to move the project forward through the completion of a number of pre-construction activities such as protecting the new route from development and acquiring property on a willing buyer/willing seller basis.

I appreciate your positive comments about the work of ministry staff with community members towards enhancing traffic safety and operations through Morriston. The ministry has also recently upgraded the existing speed limit signs through Morriston to a larger size and is moving ahead with similar signage upgrades to the south. In addition, enhanced pedestrian crossings were installed at the intersection of Highway 6 and Calfass Road/Badenoch Street to improve motorist awareness of the crossing.

Thank you again for your letter and for your interest in highway safety.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glen Murray". The signature is stylized with a large loop at the beginning and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Glen Murray  
Minister



**NEWS RELEASE**

**Ted Arnott, MPP  
Wellington-Halton Hills**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
December 12, 2013

## **Economic study further strengthens case for Morriston bypass, says MPP Arnott**

(Queen's Park) – A new economic study initiated by the Township of Puslinch strengthens the case for the Highway 6 Morriston bypass, says Wellington-Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott.

"I want to thank Mayor Dennis Lever, Township of Puslinch Council and staff, who took the lead to get this economic study done," Mr. Arnott said. "The Provincial Government cannot ignore it."

In a statement in the Ontario Legislature on December 11, Mr. Arnott insisted that the economic study, led by Dr. Clarence Woudsma of the University of Waterloo, underlines the need to move forward with the much needed bypass.

"The current traffic logjams through Morriston are costing commuters tens of millions of dollars every year, and the commercial traffic costs are in the millions annually, Dr. Woudsma's study indicates," Mr. Arnott informed MPPs. "He also confirms this corridor is a key link in our trade with the United States."

Mr. Arnott pointed out that the report found that the bypass would reduce costs significantly for the local business community.

"When we met with the former Minister of Transportation in May of last year, he inquired about the views of the local business community," Mr. Arnott said. "This study answers that question directly, and I quote from the study: 'There is unanimity from the business community that the construction of the bypass would reduce their costs significantly.'"

The Government of Ontario plans to spend \$2.2 billion on new highway construction this year alone. Mr. Arnott has long believed that the Highway 6 Morriston bypass project should be a priority, and has raised the need for it many times in the Ontario Legislature.

"I urge the Minister of Transportation to agree to meet with Township officials and industry leaders in the New Year to discuss the report and how we can work together to get the Morriston bypass on the five year plan," Mr. Arnott ended his statement in the House.

On February 19, the very first day the Legislature began its current session, Mr. Arnott tabled a Private Member's Resolution calling upon the Government to put the Highway 6 Morriston bypass on the Ministry of Transportation's Southern Highways Program. It is the very first Private Member's Resolution on the Order Paper.

“So many people in Puslinch Township have worked hard to show support for this project, and their efforts have helped a great deal,” Mr. Arnott concluded afterwards.

*(Attached: Hansard record of Mr. Arnott's Statement in the Ontario Legislature, December 11, 2013)*

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Ted Arnott, MPP  
Phone: 519-787-5247  
Email: [ted.arnottco@pc.ola.org](mailto:ted.arnottco@pc.ola.org)



**Ontario Hansard - 11-December 2013**

**Mr. Ted Arnott:** The case for building the Highway 6 Morriston bypass has been strengthened by a new economic study initiated by Mayor Dennis Lever and the council of the township of Puslinch. The study was led by Dr. Clarence Woudsma of the University of Waterloo, and it confirms what we in Wellington-Halton Hills have been saying for years: The traffic bottleneck at Morriston, on Highway 6 south of the 401, is not just a local issue, but affects a whole region of the province and the economy.

The current traffic logjams through Morriston are costing commuters tens of millions of dollars every year, and the commercial traffic costs are in the millions annually, Dr. Woudsma's study indicates. He also confirms this corridor is a key link in our trade with the United States. It's an essential link between a large portion of the Lake Huron and Bruce region and the Hamilton-Niagara region and the eastern seaboard of the United States.

When we met with the former Minister of Transportation in May of last year, he inquired about the views of the local business community. This study answers that question directly, and I quote from the study: "There is unanimity from the business community that the construction of the bypass would reduce their costs significantly."

We are united in our call to get the Highway 6 Morriston bypass on the Ministry of Transportation's southern highways program, their five-year plan for new highway construction, consistent with my private member's resolution, the very first one listed on the Legislature's order paper. I urge the Minister of Transportation to agree to meet with township officials and industry leaders in the new year to discuss the report and how we can work together to get the Morriston bypass on the five-year plan.

**From:** william knetsch [williamknetsch1@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** March-22-14 5:12 AM  
**To:** premier@ontario.ca; minister.mto@ontario.ca  
**Subject:** One More Statistic

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To the Premier and Minister of Transportation of Ontario

Just hours after I sent out another e-mail regarding the urgent need at this time to place the highway # 6 by-pass around Morriston Ontario on the five year construction plan yesterday. Another serious head on collision occurred on highway #6 Morriston Ontario corridor. I ask you our Premier and the Minister of Transportation of Ontario. What is the price to place a by-pass around Morriston Ontario? How many more studies, reports, petitions, accidents, loss of lives, etc., will it take? To prove to you that we need to get the Morriston Ontario by-pass on the five year construction plan NOW. The Government of Ontario, industry leaders and the people of Ontario cannot afford to delay this urgent matter any longer.

Sincerely Yours,

William Knetsch

<http://www.chch.com/head-crash-south-puslinch/>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k01BzAoHoV4>

**From:** william knetsch [mailto:williamknetsch1@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** March-24-14 6:38 AM  
**To:** Arnott, Ted; Dennis Lever; premier@ontario.ca; minister.mto@ontario.ca  
**Subject:** Morriston Ontario By-Pass

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Hello everyone,

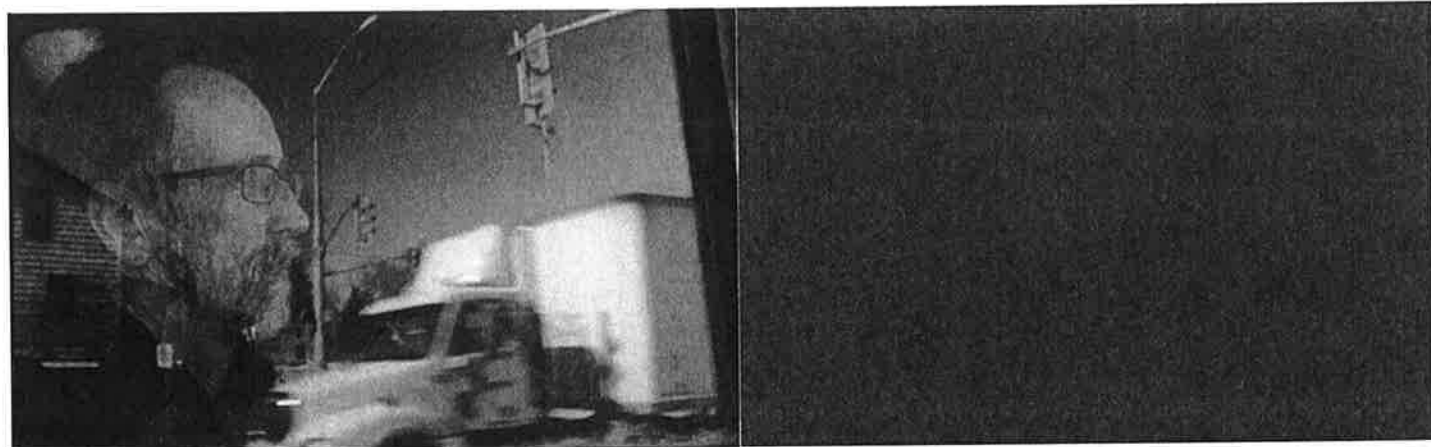
Here is one more media story from the Guelph Mercury regarding the Morriston corridor and by-pass. I am asking everyone especially industry leaders that are directly impacted by the Morriston Ontario corridor to contact our MPP Ted Arnott and our Mayor of Puslinch Dennis Lever. To place your support behind them as they continue to push the Government and the Minister of Transportation of Ontario to place the Morriston Ontario by-pass on the five year construction plan NOW. Thank you for your support.

MPP Ted Arnott: [ted.arnott@pc.ola.org](mailto:ted.arnott@pc.ola.org)  
Puslinch Mayor Dennis Lever: [dlever@puslinch.ca](mailto:dlever@puslinch.ca)

Sincerely Yours,

William Knetsch

## Morriston resident still holding out hope for Highway 6 bypass



### Traffic troubles

Chris Seto, Mercury staff

*Bill Knetsch looks out toward the main intersection in Morriston on Sunday morning, watching the transport trucks as they move through the village.*

By Chris Seto

MORRISTON — Bill Knetsch can remember standing on his balcony and watching the Orange air ambulance helicopter take off from Highway 6 on Friday afternoon, rushing to get to the hospital, carrying a victim of a head-on collision.

That night, he wasn't able to fall asleep. With his mind heavy with the thought of his 11-year-old daughter living so close to this section of roadway and the collection of serious crashes he'd witnessed since moving to Morriston in 1992, he asked himself what more he could do to keep these collisions from happening.

"It's a horrific feeling," he said in an interview Sunday morning, sitting in his restaurant in Morriston.

For the past two years, the Morriston business owner has been fighting to have the provincial government build a bypass to take vehicles around the small village, relieving the traffic flow in the 50 km/h stretch of downtown.

"When you see little kids walking down the sidewalk here, or skateboarding, you just want to pick them up," he said, adding traffic through the village is getting worse each year.

At the end of last year, he received a letter from Ontario Transportation Minister Glen Murray, informing him the Morriston bypass was not part of the province's five-year construction plan.

Knetsch took the letter as both positive and negative. He said on one hand, it doesn't look like the project will be put on the province's five-year plan, even with Puslinch Township and the County of Wellington advocating for the bypass.

But on the other hand, he said he was encouraged to see the ministry making some efforts to keep the project alive.

"The ministry continues to move the project forward through the completion of a number of pre-construction activities such as protecting the new route from development and acquiring property on a willing buyer/willing seller basis," the letter reads.

Knetsch said safety is one of the main drivers behind the Morriston bypass. The other main driver is economics.

A study outlining the economic impact of the proposed bypass was completed last year by Clarence Woudsma, director of the school of planning at the University of Waterloo.

The report said "conservatively, the current traffic conditions cost commuters tens of millions of dollars annually and hundreds of millions going forward to 2021 and beyond."

Knetsch said local politicians, such as Wellington-Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott, have fought hard and done all they can. He said it's now up to businesses to make a case for the bypass.

Representatives from Maple Leaf Foods and Con Cast Pipe have written to local politicians to show their support for the bypass. "It's up to industry at this point," Knetsch said, adding the bypass is a long-term investment that will undoubtedly pay off for Ontario taxpayers.

With the bypass project moving in slow motion, Wellington County and Township of Puslinch have put together a streetscape strategy that will eventually change the look of Morriston. Championed in large part by Knetsch, the plan requests provincial funding to improve landscaping, upgrade lighting and banners and introduce signage highlighting Morriston as a gateway to Wellington County.

Knetsch said so long as funding comes through, the village will have a completely different look to it two years from now. And while the improvements will make the area feel more like a village where families live and play, he said the whole idea behind the initiative is to get vehicles to slow down as they drive through.

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From: Arnott, Ted [mailto:ted.arnott@pc.ola.org]  
Sent: March-25-14 4:49 PM  
To: 'Glen Murray'  
Cc: William Knetsch; Dennis Lever; Karen Landry  
Subject: FW: One More Statistic

The Hon. Glen Murray  
Minister of Transportation

Dear Minister:

As you know, working with the Puslinch Township Council and staff, and the County of Wellington, we have been raising the need for the Morriston bypass for many years. We need to build this bypass for economic and safety reasons. We continue to call upon you, as the Minister of Transportation, to place the Highway 6 Morriston bypass project on the Ministry's 5 year construction plan.

Below is a message I received from William Knetsch, who has steadfastly and persistently spoken up about the need for this project. Here is also a link to a news article from the Guelph Mercury, detailing an unfortunate head-on collision which occurred on Friday afternoon in Morriston and shut down the highway in both directions: <http://www.guelphmercury.com/news-story/4427319-morriston-resident-still-holding-out-hope-for-highway-6-bypass/>

Once again, we call upon you to place the Highway 6 Morriston Bypass project on the Ministry's 5 year plan for highway construction.

Sincerely,

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Mr. William Knetsch  
42 Queen Street  
Guelph ON N1E 4R7

Dear Mr. Knetsch,

Thank you for your letter asking the province to place the Highway 6 bypass around Morriston on the ministry's five year construction plan.

The Morriston bypass is currently not a funded project within the Southern Highways Program. However, the ministry continues to move the project forward through the completion of a number of pre-construction activities such as protecting the new route from development and acquiring property on a willing buyer/willing seller basis.

I appreciate your positive comments about the work of ministry staff with community members towards enhancing traffic safety and operations through Morriston. The ministry has also recently upgraded the existing speed limit signs through Morriston to a larger size and is moving ahead with similar signage upgrades to the south. In addition, enhanced pedestrian crossings were installed at the intersection of Highway 6 and Calfass Road/Badenoch Street to improve motorist awareness of the crossing.

Thank you again for your letter and for your interest in highway safety.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glen Murray".

Glen Murray  
Minister



February 5, 2014

Scott Wilson  
CAO, County of Wellington  
74 Woolwich Street  
Guelph, ON N1H 3T9

Dear Scott Wilson, CAO:

I am writing to confirm the details of our conversation last month regarding the County of Wellington Volunteer Appreciation Awards.

For the past 8 years the Volunteer Centre of Guelph/Wellington has worked alongside Wellington County staff to coordinate and deliver a great award program. During this time we have successfully profiled over 50 individuals and groups that have made outstanding contributions to their communities through volunteerism. While we are happy with this past success, we have decided that we will not continue with the program this year.

We have seen a decrease in nominations over the past few years and recognized that a number of the towns/townships now run their own award programs. The Volunteer Centre is focusing attention on those projects and initiatives that most closely align with our strategic goals, one of which is to help strengthen the capacity of community organizations to manage and recognize volunteers on their own. We believe the fact that various towns and townships have created their own programs is an excellent example of this local leadership.

We hope that you have continued success recognizing the contribution of volunteers in our community.

Sincerely,

Christine Oldfield  
Executive Director  
Volunteer Centre of Guelph/Wellington